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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Draft Minutes of the 5 February USIB Meeting

The attached draft minutes of the 5 February Intelligence Board meeting will be considered at the next regular Board meeting. A Special Annex to these minutes is being circulated through special channels.

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*for* JAMES S. LAY, JR.  
Executive Secretary

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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Minutes of  
Three-hundred-tenth Meeting  
United States Intelligence Board  
USIB Conference Room  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1030 hours, 5 February 1964

Director of Central Intelligence  
John A. McCone  
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lieutenant General Marshall S. Carter, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Mr. Thomas L. Hughes, Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State  
Major General Alva R. Fitch, acting for Director, Defense Intelligence Agency  
Major General Edgar C. Doleman, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Rufus L. Taylor, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Intelligence), Department of the Navy  
Brigadier General P. D. Wynne, Jr., Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, United States Air Force  
Lieutenant General Gordon A. Blake, Director, National Security Agency  
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative to USIB  
Mr. Alan H. Belmont, Federal Bureau of Investigation representative to USIB

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1. COMOR Report on High-Level Coverage of Cuba  
(USIB-D-41.14/99 (COMOR-D-24/111); distributed through restricted channels)

- a. USIB noted the report.

- b. The CIA member mentioned the discussion held in the last USIB meeting (USIB-D-41.14/98) concerning a possible reduction in the number of presently required high-level Cuban reconnaissance missions. He explained that no decision was reached in the absence of the Chairman. Further discussion of this subject was deferred pending submission of a report by a special CIA/State/DIA study group, chaired by CIA.

2. Approval of Minutes  
29 January Meeting  
(USIB-M-309, including Annex distributed through special channels; and records of action in USIB-D-41.15/31 (COMOR-D-48/59) and USIB-D-41.14/98 (COMOR-D-24/110), distributed through restricted channels)

- a. Approved as circulated including the Annex and reference documents, subject to a change by the acting DIA member in paragraph 6 of the record of action on item 2.\*

- b. With reference to item 8, USIB-M-309, General Carter reported that he had briefed the President and the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board concerning the AEC letter.

\*A revised page 2 of USIB-D-41.14/98, incorporating the DIA suggested change in paragraph 6, is being distributed through restricted channels.

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**3. Special Item**

(An account of USIB consideration of this item is contained in the Special Annex to these minutes.)

**4. Watch Report No. 702**

Approved as amended, with the exception of paragraph 4 on Vietnam. It was agreed that the Watch Committee would rewrite this paragraph and circulate it for telephonic approval of USIB.\*

**5. South Vietnam**

The discussion concerning the Watch Report item on South Vietnam led to a general discussion on the situation in Southeast Asia. The Chairman indicated great concern and also the urgent need for a new appraisal in view of recent events. Dr. Kent suggested that a short memorandum be prepared by 6 February which would deal with Southeast Asia in general, but would concentrate on South Vietnam. If necessary this would be followed at an early date by a much more thorough treatment of the same subject. After further discussion these proposals were agreed upon. Following coordination of the above mentioned memorandum by BNE and the USIB representatives, Dr. Kent will consult with the Chairman as to (a) whether it should be issued as a memorandum or a SNIE, and (b) whether it can be cleared informally or whether a special meeting of the USIB will be necessary.

**6. Estimate on Nationalist  
China**

Dr. Kent reported that the BNE had postponed the estimate on the Republic of China because the State Policy Planning Staff had put off its deadline on a policy paper on the GRC. This postponement will allow the situation in Taiwan to clear somewhat and provide the Policy Planning Staff with an up-to-date estimate when needed.

\*Subsequent to the meeting subject paragraph was rewritten by the Watch Committee and telephonically approved by the USIB.

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The Chairman expressed considerable concern over the situation in Taiwan and said that he would like to see a paper on the subject. A discussion followed on the potential threat to Taiwan, both external and internal. It was agreed that the GRC estimate should not be postponed but that work on it should be continued and the estimate issued as soon as possible.

7. Release of NIE 11-14-63,  
"Capabilities of the Soviet  
General Purpose Forces,  
1963-1969, " to Certain  
Foreign Governments  
(Memoranda for USIB,  
31 January and 4 February)

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A discussion followed concerning the identification of this estimate as a product of the US intelligence community or even as a USIB document.

Dr. Kent briefly explained the background of current Board policy on this question. The Chairman indicated that he would review this with Dr. Kent in more detail, and consider further USIB action on the general approach to this problem.

The USIB then approved the release of the estimate in the form of a document which is to be orally described as a study prepared by the US intelligence community. The acting DIA member temporarily deferred on this matter pending consultation with General Carroll, but later indicated agreement by phone.

Executive Session

The Chairman convened the Board in Executive Session at 1200, during which the following items were considered.

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8. Report by AEC Representative  
to USIB  
(USIB-M-308, 22 January 1964,  
item 7)

The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) representative to USIB, referring to the complete team report (disseminated in one copy to each member at the meeting), stated that if members expected problems with the "Background Use Only" additional classification, he could have it removed. The CIA member indicated that he believed this added restriction should remain as it would help to improve the security of this sensitive document.

The Chairman agreed, but advised the Board of one occasion where a third country had already been informed of the team's visit.

9. Discussion on  
Sensitive Item

(An account of USIB consideration of this item is contained in the Special Annex to these minutes.)

10. Cyprus  
(Special Annex to  
USIB-M-309,  
29 January, item 11)

(An account of Board discussion on this subject is contained in the Special Annex to these minutes.)

11. Trip Report by  
Chairman, USIB  
(Parts of the Chairman's  
discussion of his trip given  
in regular session are  
incorporated in this item)

The Chairman informed the Board of the key governmental officials

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The Chairman added that many other matters had been discussed which were not pertinent to USIB interest, except for evidence he had received that the Yugoslavs had reached a closer understanding with the Soviets than we had estimated. As an example of this, plans now direct Yugoslav ship masters to seek first a Communist port in the event of war, rather than a neutral port as past plans had directed.

Mr. McCone stated there was generally a complete misconception of what was going on in Panama; that the US had apparently failed to get the true story across. The Chairman noted that there was no concept abroad of what Castro agitators were doing in stirring up trouble. He suggested that an effort should be made to inform foreign governments of the true state of affairs. The State member announced that consideration was being given to a briefing on Panama for NATO members.

The Chairman also stated that the British had a misconception as to the purpose of Attorney General Kennedy's trip, and that he had used the occasion to explain the true purpose of the trip.

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At the suggestion of the Chairman, General Wynne was asked to arrange such a briefing for USIB at its next meeting.\*

Adjournment: 1300

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Executive Secretary

\*Subsequent to the meeting, General Wynne confirmed the briefing and informed the Secretariat that General Rodenhauser and Dr. Northrup would conduct the briefing.

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